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SUBJECT: NICARAGUA: 1987 ANNUAL TERRORISM REPORT

REF: A) STATE 42378, B) 87 MANAGUA 1949 (NOTAL)

1. (U) SUMMARY: THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA (GON) MAINTAINS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES ON THE SECRETARY'S TERRORISM LIST (REFTEL A) AND WITH THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO). IN ADDITION TO ITS DIPLOMATIC MISSION, CUBA PROVIDES ADVISORS TO MANY GON MINISTRIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES. GON SUPPORT FOR THE FARABUNDO MARTI LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN) HAS BEEN REPORTED IN DETAIL IN A GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR LETTER CIRCULATED AS A UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY/SECURITY COUNCIL REPORT ISSUED IN FEBRUARY 1988.

2. (S) REFTEL B FORWARDED A DAO REPORT (IIR 6 870 0238 87) TO DIA IN MARCH 1987, REGARDING SANCTUARY AND SAFEHAVEN PROVIDED TO ITALIAN CITIZENS, KNOWN OR SUSPECTED MEMBERS OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS "RED BRIGADES," "AUTONOMIA OPERAIA," "MIR" AND OTHERS.

3. (C) ALTHOUGH IT IS SUSPECTED THAT THE GON AND THE GOVERNING SANDINISTA PARTY CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN TIES TO AND PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR OTHER TERRORIST GROUPS, NO FURTHER INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED BY THE POST ON SUCH SUPPORT DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1987.

4. (U) RELATIONS WITH NATIONS ON THE SECRETARY'S TERRORISM LIST:

1) NICARAGUA:

2) TERRORISM SUPPORT: THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA (GON) PROVIDES WIDE-RANGING SUPPORT FOR THE FARABUNDO MARTI LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN) OPERATING IN EL SALVADOR. A GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR LETTER, CIRCULATED AS A UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL REPORT (GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOCUMENT A/42/914, SECURITY COUNCIL DOCUMENT 5/19486), DATED 9 FEBRUARY 1988, PROVIDES IN-DEPTH INFORMATION ON THIS SUPPORT. POST HOLDS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

--THE GON ALSO PROVIDES DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION TO SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED ON FEBRUARY 16, 1981. THE LATEST GON DIPLOMATIC LIST PUBLISHED IN 1985 SHOWED A COMMITTEE SECRETARY, A PRESS SECRETARY AND A CONSULAR AFFAIRS OFFICER ASSIGNED TO THE LIBYAN PEOPLE'S OFFICE. IN 1985, THE LIBYAN PEOPLE'S OFFICE OPENED AN ARABIC LANGUAGE SCHOOL IN MANAGUA. STAFFING OF THE SCHOOL WAS UNDETERMINED; IT MAY NO LONGER EXIST AS POST HAS SEEN NO ADVERTISING FOR THE SCHOOL SINCE 1986.

--THE GON ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (DPRK) ON MARCH 5, 1980, AND THE DPRK HAS MAINTAINED A SMALL MISSION IN MANAGUA SINCE THAT TIME. THE DPRK MISSION PUBLICLY LISTS AN AMBASSADOR, TWO COUNSELORS, A POLITICAL ATTACHE, A CULTURAL ATTACHE, A FIRST SECRETARY AND A THIRD SECRETARY.

--THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC ALSO MAINTAINS DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH NICARAGUA THROUGH ITS MISSION IN HAVANA, CUBA. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED ON JANUARY 30, 1982.

--THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN HAS A THREE-PERSON MISSION

IN MANAGUA CONSISTING OF AN AMBASSADOR, AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL AND A THIRD SECRETARY.

--THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO) ESTABLISHED AN EMBASSY IN MANAGUA ON JANUARY 16, 1981. THE 1985 GON DIPLOMATIC LIST SHOWED AN AMBASSADOR AND A FIRST SECRETARY.

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--THE GON AND CUBA HAVE MAINTAINED DIPLOMATIC TIES SINCE AUGUST 1, 1979. THE CUBAN MISSION TO NICARAGUA INCLUDES, IN ADDITION TO ONE OF THE LARGEST EMBASSIES IN MANAGUA, ADVISORS TO THE MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE, EDUCATION, HEALTH, AGRICULTURE AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES.

--IRAQ MAINTAINS AN EMBASSY IN MANAGUA. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED ON JULY 9, 1982.

--THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN MAINTAINS DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH NICARAGUA THROUGH ITS EMBASSY IN HAVANA, CUBA. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED ON MAY 5, 1982.

3) COUNTERTERRORISM ACTIONS: NONE.

15. (C) THERE IS NO REPEAT NO FURTHER REPORTING ON TERRORISM SUPPORT VIA OTHER CHANNELS.

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